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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF NDP REPRESENTATIVE KIM OK-SON
AND OTHER POLITICAL ACTIONS

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1. DURING PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS
OCTOBER 15 BLUE HOUSE SECRETARY GENERAL KIM CHONG-YOM
TOLD ME THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESIGNATION OF NDP REPRESENTATIVE
KIM OK-SON WERE NEGOTIATED DIRECTLY BY BLUE HOUSE
WITH KIM YONG-SAM. FINAL COMPROMISE OFFERED BY
KIM YONG-SAM OF KIM OK-SON RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED BY
BLUE HOUSE OVER OBJECTION DRP SENIOR ASSEMBLYMEN. KIM
CHONG-YOM ALSO CONFIRMED THAT KEY ASPECT OF COMPROMISE
IS ROKG AGREEMENT NOT TO PROSECUTE KIM OK-SON.

2. DURING CONVERSATION I REMINDED KIM CHONG-YOM OF
IMPORTANCE THAT ROKG AVOID POLITICAL ACTIONS LIKELY
TO ENGENDER STRONG HUMAN RIGHTS REACTION DURING FORTHCOMING
CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL.
KIM CHONG-YOM RESPONDED THAT SENIOR ROKG OFFICIALS WELL
AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND DO NOT WISH TO COMPLICATE OUR
DIFFICULTIES IN GAINING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIAL
SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ROK. SPECIFICALLY, HE FLATLY
STATED THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST
EITHER KIM CHI-HA OR KIM DAE-JUNG IN NEXT FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS.

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3. PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG-PIL GAVE SIMILAR ASSURANCES

IN MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN BROOMFIELD OCTOBER 16.
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